MARITIME MEDICAL CARE INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

For the year ended March 31,1985

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of

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Introduction

This is the 17th Annual Report of Maritime Medical Care Incorporated to the Honourable Minister of Health of the Province of Nova Scotia. The report details the performance of Maritime Medical Care Inc. in carrying out its responsibilities as administrator of the Medical Services Insurance (M.S.I.) programs for the Province of Nova Scotia. The report covers the 12 month period April 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985, and includes appropriate comparative data from previous reporting periods.

Maritime Medical Care Incorporated was founded in 1948 under the provisions of Chapter 197 of the Acts of Nova Scotia as a non-profit organization to operate in the field of prepaid health services programs. The Corporation is based in Halifax, Nova Scotia and operates in all Atlantic Provinces. In July 1967, Maritime Medical Care entered into an agreement with the Minister of Health of the Province of Nova Scotia to participate in the design and to administer the Province's medical care insurance plan, which following 18 months of planning was implemented on April 1, 1969. The agreement with the Minister of Health does not alter the Corporation's activities in the private sector and Maritime Medical continues to be a

major underwriter of prepaid health programs for groups and individuals of Atlantic Canada.

Over the years, as the government has expanded the M.S.I. program to include certain dental, optometric and pharmaceutical services, the corporation borrowed from it's extensive private health program experience in these fields to provide efficient administrative services from the date of implementation of each new program. This has resulted in a smooth transition of each new benefit from the private to the public sector. In addition to it's M.S.I. duties the Corporation also renders claims processing services for some aspects of the Hospital Insurance Plan and the Department of Social Services Prescription Drug Programs.

In its combined private and public sector operations, Maritime Medical provides employment for approximately 220 Nova Scotians. These employees have a unique wealth of experience and expertise in the health insurance field which has benefitted and will continue to benefit the residents and the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Corporate Duties and Responsibilities

The Corporation's present duties and responsibilities under M.S.I. include:

- The registration of all "recipients" and "providers" of insured services.
- The provision of all communications with recipients and providers respecting their entitlement and responsibilities under the various M.S.I. programs.

- The receipt, assessment and payment of all M.S.I. claims for insured services in accordance with established tariffs approved by the Health Services & Insurance Commission.
- The operation and development of appropriate review and audit processes for verifying M.S.I. eligibility and benefit payments.
- The design of all systems and procedures related to the performance of its administrative functions.
- The development, maintenance and analysis of statistics pertaining to all aspects of the M.S.I. Programs.
- The provision of administrative staff support and counsel for various Committees of the Health Services & Insurance Commission.
- The preparation of reports for the Minister of Health, the Health Services & Insurance Commission and its committees on the operation of the various M.S.I. programs including recommendations for their improvement.
- Consultation with the Health Services & Insurance Commission in the design, development, implementation and operation of new M.S.I. programs.
- Such other assignments as the Minister of Health or the Commission may from time to time request.

Content of Report

Maritime Medical Care has prepared detailed statistical reports on all aspects of the M.S.I. operation for the Health Services & Insurance Commission. A number of these reports will be included in the Commission's Annual Report to the Minister. The M.M.C. report will not duplicate data which normally appears in the Commission report, except where such information may be indicative of the scope of activities and level of performance of the Corporation as the M.S.I. plan administrator.

Financial

The Corporation is pleased to submit herewith as Appendix "A" our final statement of costs incurred in the administration of the M.S.I. programs for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1985.

In the year under review our administrative expense, expressed as a percent of the total of all benefits paid under the M.S.I. programs decreased to 3.2% from the previous year's level of 3.4%. At 3.2% of benefit payments, it is the lowest administration expense ratio since the inception of the program.

Performance Indicators

Table I sets out the levels of performance achieved by M.M.C. staff, using certain indicators to represent productivity levels and unit costs for the past five years. For comparative purposes the table covers M.S.I. claims only and omits claims processed by M.M.C. staff for the Department of Social Services Pharmacare and Diabetic Assistance programs which have not been in operation for all of the five years reported.

TABLE I

Maritime Medical Care Inc. Administrative Expense Indicators

	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Administrative Expense Per Claim Processed	$0.72	$0.80	$0.81	$0.91	$0.93
Claims Processed Per Employee	28,390	28,599	31,585	32,469	34,324
Administrative Expense As A Percent of Total Benefits Paid	3.8%	3.6%	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%

M.M.C. - M.S.I. Staff Distribution

Table II reflects the changes in the number of persons on staff at M.M.C. for the past five years including the year under review.

TABLE II

Maritime Medical Care Incorporated Employees

	Employees Working Full Time On		Employees With Dual	
	M.S.I.	M.M.C.	Responsibilities	Total
March 31, 1981	130	27	78	235
March 31, 1982	138	28	78	244
March 31, 1983	131	24	77	232
March 31, 1984	130	24	77	231
March 31, 1985	126	21	74	221

Claims Volume

The Corporation's staff processed 264,000 more M.S.I. claims than in the previous year as shown in Table III. In addition 234,800 claims transactions were handled for the Pharmacare program for the Disabled and Diabetic Assistance which is administered for the Department of Social Services through the Health Services & Insurance Commission.

TABLE III

Total Claims Processed

(In Thousands)

Fiscal Year	Processed
1980-81	5,962
1981-82	6,069
1982-83	6,696
1983-84	6,721
1984-85	6,985

Patient Utilization of Benefits

It is estimated that 861,000 Nova Scotians were eligible for the Medical, Dental-Surgical and Optometric benefits of M.S.I. Of this number, 207,400 were also eligible for the Children's Dental Plan and 101,000 were eligible for the M.S.I. Pharmacare Plan. A summary showing the average number of persons eligible during the year and those utilizing benefits in each of the plans is shown in Table IV.

TABLE IV

Utilization of Major M.S.I. Benefits

	Persons Eligible	Persons Utilizing Benefits	
		Number	Percent
Medical	861,000	757,100	87.9
Optometric	861,000	98,400	11.4
Dental Surgical	861,000	9,700	1.1
Children's Dental	207,400	123,400	59.5
M.S.I. Pharmacare	101,000	92,300	91.4

Claims Assessment, Audit and Review

One of M.M.C.'s major administrative functions is the assessment, audit and utilization review of all M.S.I. claims. The vast majority of this work is performed by M.M.C. staff which includes medical, dental and pharmaceutical consultants.

M.M.C. also avails itself of professional counsel from members of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Dental Association pertaining to the review of difficult claims through its Medical and Dental Claims Evaluation Committees.

The Corporation continued with its claims audit program by seeking patient verification of a random selection of paid Medical, Dental and Optometric claims and has applied other appropriate audit techniques to Pharmacare claims which included 205 on-site audits of pharmacies.

Arising out of the audit programs, recoveries of payments on improper claims were made by Maritime Medical as follows:

- Medicare Program - $ 4,300
- Pharmacare Program - 18,500
- Dental Program - 1,700

When the audit programs identify irregularities that could be contraventions of the Health Services and Insurance Act, they are reported through the appropriate Review Committees to the Health Services and Insurance Commission.

There are three standing Review Committees; Medical, Dental, and Pharmacy. Maritime Medical Care provides all research investigative, legal and other administrative staff support for these professional review committees.

The Medical Review Committee is responsible to the Corporation's Board of Directors for monitoring all activities relating to the provision of insured services by physicians, and the utilization of physicians' services

by patients. During the year under review, the Committee initiated a program of monitoring and analysing the use of medical services by patients with the objective of controlling situations where it is established that an overuse problem exists.

The Medical Review Committee referred two cases to the Health Services and Insurance Commission that resulted in "Due Inquiries" under the Health Services and Insurance Act being conducted by the Commission.

The Pharmacy Review Committee, which is a committee reporting directly to the Health Services and Insurance Commission reviewed a number of cases referred through the Maritime Medical Care audit program. One case was turned over to the Department of the Attorney General and a charge has been laid.

The Pharmacy Review Committee continues with the assistance of Maritime Medical administrative and professional staff to participate in the Drug Utilization Review program. This is a continuing program designed to ensure that the recipients of the Pharmacare programs are provided with their medication needs in accordance with sound medical practice.

The Dental Review Committee is also responsible directly to the Health Services and Insurance Commission. This Committee continued to emphasize its program of reviewing dentists' practice profiles. The Maritime Medical audit program resulted in five cases being reviewed by the Committee and, in all cases, payment recoveries were made. Three of the cases were referred to the Health Services and Insurance Commission.

With the co-operation of the Worker's Compensation Board, Maritime Medical receives copies of all physician's claims that have been approved for payment by the Board. An internal process has been developed by M.M.C. to check these paid claims against the M.S.I. patient history to ensure that M.S.I. is not being charged for services that are the responsibility of the Worker's Compensation Board. The application of this claims audit technique in the past year resulted in recoveries for M.S.I. totalling $307,000.

Professional Relations

Maritime Medical Care has a program of regular liaison with all professional groups whose services are insured under the M.S.I. programs. Emphasis has been placed on the physicians services program which is the largest and therefore has the greatest impact administratively.

Regular information seminars for the providers of insured health servicesand their staffs continue to be an effective means of communication.M.M.C. receives invitations to all Branch Medical Society meetings and some regional Dental and Pharmacy Association meetings. M.S.I. matters of current interest are discussed and questions answered.

Periodic visits by M.M.C. personnel to providers of insured services and the issuance of bulletins and are also part of our professional relations program.

Systems and Computer Services Division
Department of Government Services

The Corporation continues to work in close co-operation with this Department that provides all computing servies for the public programs administered by M.M.C.

During the year, new computer programs were designed, developed and implemented providing Maritime Medical with a much improved Resident Registration System. At year end, the final phases of the project were being implemented. The new system through its feature of on-line terminals provides a more efficient method for processing resident registration data as well as handling all inquiry needs. Maritime Medical extends sincere thanks to the project group of the Systems and Computer Services Division for its contribution in the development of this system.

In addition to new systems development, the Systems and Computer Services Division has worked closely with Maritime Medical Care's staff on modifications to existing computer programs to accommodate the changes that occurred in payment tariffs and plan benefits.

Liaison with Health Services & Insurance Commission

The Corporation continues to work closely with the Health Services & Insurance Commission, its Committees and staff, and are most appreciative of the co-operation and support received from all persons involved.

New Assignments

During the year, the Health Services and Insurance Commission transferred to Maritime Medical Care the responsibility for compilation, production and regular distribution of the Nova Scotia Drug Formulary. This publication which is used in the administration of the M.S.I. Pharmacare program is published twice yearly and is distributed to all Nova Scotia pharmacies, physicians and dentists.

Maritime Medical Care - Organization

At the Corporation's Annual Meeting in June 1984, the Board of Directors was reduced in size to 13 members of which two are ministerial appointments. Observer privileges at all Board meetings are afforded the Deputy Minister of Health and the Chairman of the Health Services and Insurance Commission. A list of the Corporation's Directors for the year under review is included as Appendix B.

M.S.I. Programs

Following are the programs currently administered by M.M.C. as part of the M.S.I. program including implementation dates.

Medical Care	April 1, 1969
Dental Surgical	April 1, 1969
Optometric	December 1, 1973
Children's Dental Plan	July 1, 1974
Pharmacare	October 1, 1974
Cystic Fibrosis (Drugs)	October 1, 1976
Severe Mental Retardation (In-Hospital Dentistry)	January 1, 1977
Cleft Palate Dentistry	December 1, 1977
Diabetes Insipidus (Drugs)	December 1, 1978
Prosthetic Appliances	January 1, 1981

In addition to the M.S.I. responsibilities the Corporation provides claims assessment and payment services for insured out-patient hospital services received by eligible Nova Scotians while temporarily out of Canada. These

services are provided under the direction of the Hospital Insurance Division of the Department of Health. The Corporation also performs the claims assessment and payment functions for the Department of Social Services' Prescription Drug Program for the Disabled and the Diabetic Assistance Program.

Acknowledgements

The Corporation wishes to acknowledge the assistance and the co-operation it has received in the performance of its M.S.I. duties and responsibilities from:

The Department of Health

The Health Services & Insurance Commission

The Medical Society of Nova Scotia

The Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia Dental Association

The Nova Scotia Optometric Association

The Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Association

The Systems and Computer Services Division
Department of Government Services

The Worker's Compensation Board

Respectfully submitted,

MARITIME MEDICAL CARE INCORPORATED

C.R. Wyman, M.D.
President

APPENDIX A

MARITIME MEDICAL CARE INCORPORATED
Administrative Costs
For the Twelve Months Ended March 31, 1985

	PUBLIC			PRIVATE			TOTAL		
	Month Of Mar.	Year to Date		Month Of Mar.	Year to Date		Month Of Mar.	Year To Date	
	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Actual	Estimated
DIRECT VARIABLE EXPENSE									
Salaries - Direct Process.	$124,796	$1,622,224	$1,683,500	$ 16,162	$ 249,862	$ 307,500	$140,958	$1,872,086	$1,991,000
Staff - Overtime	71	1,941	6,800	-	6,568	3,000	71	8,509	9,800
- Part-time	9,648	116,267	40,700	934	25,575	12,800	10,582	141,842	53,500
Data Process. Supplies	6,754	97,325	99,000	2,246	19,085	18,000	9,000	116,410	117,000
Office Supplies	4,540	31,483	28,700	348	3,657	3,000	4,888	35,140	31,700
Printing & Stationery	14,917	145,422	147,300	(1,804)	49,899	30,000	13,113	195,321	177,300
Postage	127	1,210	1,600	3	3	-	130	1,213	1,600
Computer Services	61,464	532,765	533,500	9,000	18,000	-	70,464	550,765	533,500
Employee Fringe Benefits	7,988	91,217	79,900	1,034	13,747	14,600	9,022	104,964	94,500
Cartage	468	3,091	3,000	-	88	-	468	3,179	3,000
	230,773	2,642,945	2,624,000	27,923	386,484	388,900	258,696	3,029,429	3,012,900
MIXED EXPENSES									
Unemployment Insurance	5,189	65,312	73,700	560	8,481	11,200	5,749	73,793	84,900
Canada Pension Plan	3,029	35,542	39,600	319	4,812	6,200	3,348	40,354	45,800
M.M.C. Pension Plan	8,313	108,300	117,400	924	12,208	17,300	9,237	120,508	134,700
	16,531	209,154	230,700	1,803	25,501	34,700	18,334	234,655	265,400

Administrative Costs
For The Twelve Months ended
March 31, 1985

	PUBLIC			PRIVATE			TOTAL		
	Month Of Mar.	Year To date		Month Of Mar.	Year to Date		Month Of Mar.	Year To Date	
	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Actual	Estimated
DIRECT PERIOD EXPENSES									
Salaries - Executive	$ 18,360	$ 268,995	$ 275,100	$ 3,102	$ 27,986	$ 40,300	$ 21,462	$ 296,981	$ 315,400
- Supervisory	28,264	340,253	357,700	-	-	23,000	28,264	340,253	380,700
- Sect. & Cler.	9,803	144,251	145,400	-	-	-	9,803	144,251	145,400
Sanitary Supplies & Clean.	130	1,003	500	-	-	-	130	1,003	500
Maintenance & Repairs	13,361	20,636	8,700	2,010	2,499	2,700	15,371	23,135	11,400
Light & Power	127	779	600	-	-	-	127	779	600
Telecommunications	8,276	84,759	88,200	360	4,120	5,000	8,636	88,879	93,200
Travelling	2,338	35,212	37,700	(159)	1,061	500	2,179	36,273	38,200
Professional Services	3,135	18,930	15,200	37,141	270,999	241,200	40,276	289,929	256,400
Staff Training	2,083	5,893	3,900	-	767	1,000	2,083	6,660	4,900
Advertising & Promotion	19	11,775	20,400	14,451	43,639	50,000	14,470	55,414	70,400
Dues & Subscriptions	176	1,959	2,600	2,463	14,023	10,100	2,639	15,982	12,700
Bank Charges	3,490	10,815	7,600	1,152	15,498	15,600	4,642	26,313	23,200
Brokerage Commissions	-	-	-	10,055	35,042	35,000	10,055	35,042	35,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	(1,011)	527	1,400	(25)	124	-	(1,036)	651	1,400
Committee Expenses	1,333	7,161	6,100	-	-	-	1,333	7,161	6,100
Meeting Expense	789	15,102	11,700	(91)	1,005	7,500	698	16,107	19,200
General Insurance	236	2,838	2,800	32	379	300	268	3,217	3,100
Business Taxes	-	649	1,300	-	-	-	-	649	1,300
Equipment Rental	6,128	21,285	30,000	-	-	-	6,128	21,285	30,000
Office Rental	975	11,256	11,500	-	-	-	975	11,256	11,500
Interest Cost on New Fac.	1,118	13,417	9,600	-	-	-	1,118	13,417	9,600
Depreciation	(516)	7,417	11,100	9,400	58,714	8,000	8,884	66,131	19,100
Employee Fringe Benefits	3,613	42,400	37,100	1,304	11,639	11,500	4,917	54,039	48,600
	102,227	1,067,312	1,086,200	81,195	487,495	451,700	183,422	1,554,807	1,537,900

Administrative Costs
For The Twelve Months Ended
March 31, 1985

	PUBLIC			PRIVATE			TOTAL		
	Month Of Mar.	Year To Date		Month Of Mar.	Year to Date		Month Of Mar.	Year to Date	
	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Actual	Estimated
ALLOCATED COSTS									
Accounting Services	$ 11,729	$ 161,556	$ 156,900	$ 3,263	$ 35,275	$ 34,100	$ 14,992	$ 196,831	$ 191,000
Central Records & Services	12,759	163,483	143,000	2,744	26,843	25,800	15,503	190,326	168,800
Personnel Services	4,588	60,809	54,300	683	10,268	11,100	5,271	71,077	65,400
Programming	382	1,590	5,000	1,949	35,631	28,600	2,331	37,221	33,600
Data Recording	78,853	1,104,081	1,183,400	6,677	111,880	64,800	85,530	1,215,961	1,248,200
Computer Operations	-	-	-	12,968	130,620	206,900	12,968	130,620	206,900
General Management	38,824	318,481	277,100	5,933	54,282	57,900	44,757	372,763	335,000
Cafeteria	2,990	25,511	22,000	434	4,136	4,500	3,424	29,647	26,500
Building Occupancy	27,754	236,584	240,700	5,444	46,460	40,300	33,198	283,044	281,000
Systems Planning & Devel.	5,579	110,847	115,800	-	-	-	5,579	110,847	115,800
Printing Services	4,309	55,034	52,200	1,358	8,489	5,700	5,667	63,523	57,900
Mail Services	17,659	254,280	234,000	4,412	49,172	43,100	22,071	303,452	277,100
Microfilm Services	12,679	88,025	74,700	-	-	-	12,679	88,025	74,700
	218,105	2,580,281	2,559,100	45,865	513,056	522,800	263,970	3,093,337	3,081,900
GRAND TOTAL	567,636	$6,499,692	$6,500,000	$156,786	$1,412,536	$1,398,100	$724,422	$7,912,228	$7,898,100
		82.1%	82.3%		17.9%	17.7%		100.0%	100.0%

APPENDIX "B"

MARITIME MEDICAL CARE INC., - BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1984-85

NAME	ADDRESS	COMPONENT
Dr. C.R. Wyman President	Yarmouth, N.S.	Medical Society of N.S.
Dr. P.D. Jackson Vice-President	Sydney, N .S.	"
Dr. B.D. Byrne	Halifax, N.S.	"
Dr. D.L. Davison	Wolfville, N.S.	"
Dr. P.H. Jeffrey	Shelburne, N.S.	"
Dr. D.A. MacFadyen	Truro, N.S.	"
Dr. J.M. O'Brien	Antigonish, N.S.	"
Mrs. Alice Baker	Dartmouth, N.S.	Governor-In-Council
Mr. James E. Cochran	Halifax, N.S.	Governor-In-Council
Mr. Murray Fahie	Dartmouth, N.S.	Subscriber
Mr. Arthur MacKinnon	Westville, N.S.	Pharmacist
Dr. Mary Hurst	Antigonish, N.S.	Dentist

MSI STATISTICAL TABLES

FISCAL 1984-85

Table 1

MSI Expenditure 1984-85

	Expenditure	Percent of Total
Physicians Services	$151,425,328	74.8
Prescription Drugs	34,759,182	17.2
Dentistry	13,626,340	6.7
Optometric	2,302,845	1.1
Prosthetic Services	485,789	0.2
TOTAL	$202,599,484	100.0

Data in this table and the tables that follow are based on date of payment rather than date of service. Amounts reported may vary slightly from accounting totals due to methods of processing data.

Table 2

Five Year Comparison of Selected MSI Statistics

	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Insured Population (000)	831	834	841	849	861
Physicians Paid	1,320	1,386	1,430	1,459	1,550
Dentists Paid	286	288	304	315	328
Optometrists Paid	44	45	50	50	52
Pharmacies Paid	203	202	210	219	221
Total MSI Payments (000)[1]	$114,353	$134,200	$166,346	$181,304	$202,599
Claims Processed (000)	5,962	6,069	6,696	6,721	6,985
Total Insured Services (000)	7,539	7,804	8,474	8,530	8,891
Expenditure Per Insured Person	$137.61	$160.91	$197.80	$213.55	$235.31
Administrative Expense (000)	$4,299	$4,852	$5,407	$6,123	$6,500
Administrative Expense As Percent of Amount Paid	3.8%	3.6%	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%

1. Certain recoveries have not been deducted from this total. In 1984-85 these included an amount of $201,667 for out-of-province out-patient diagnostic services, which was transferred to the Department of Health. MSI payments for 1984-85 include payments of $26,381 to the Cancer Society. Cancer Society payments have not been included in previous years' figures.

Table 3

Growth of MSI Plans

1980-81 to 1984-85

	Physicians Services & Dental Surgical[1]			Optometric Services			Children's & Special Dental Plans[2]			Prescription Drugs[3]		
	Insured	Beneficiaries	Paid Per Insured	Insured	Beneficiaries	Paid Per Insured	Insured	Beneficiaries	Paid Per Insured	Insured	Beneficiaries	Paid Per Insured
1980-81	831,000	722,000	$107.31	831,000	80,200	$1.44	183,300	88,600	$35.97	91,100	83,100	$190.94
1981-82	834,000	726,000	123.59	834,000	81,200	1.67	195,200	101,800	43.54	94,100	85,400	223.03
1982-83	841,000	739,000	150.91	841,000	92,200	2.07	207,800	114,800	50.68	96,100	87,700	279.38
1983-84	849,000	743,900	161.45	849,000	92,200	2.28	209,800	122,700	52.72	99,200	89,700	311.75
1984-85	861,000	757,100	178.17	861,000	98,400	2.68	208,200	124,000	55.93	101,200	92,500	343.21

NOTE: Estimates of Insured Persons are as of October 1 each year.

1. Physicians services and dental-surgical services were the initial MSI Plans introduced in 1969, and were cost-shared with the federal government prior to April 1977. In Tables 5 and 6 physicians services and dental-surgical services are shown separately.

2. The Children's Dental Plan was implemented July 1974 and covers children up to 16 years of age. Children at the School For The Blind are covered regardless of age. Other dental plans include persons who are severely mentally retarded, or who have a cleft palate. These plans were implemented in 1977.

3. Prescription drug coverage was implemented in October 1974 for persons over 65 years of age. Persons who suffer from cystic fibrosis became insured in 1976. Drugs for the treatment of diabetes insipidus became insured in 1978. Paid per insured does not include payments to the Cancer Society. Payments to the Cancer Society were $26,381 in 1984-85. Cancer Society payments are included in Tables 1 and 2 for 1984-85.

Table 4

MSI Fee-For-Service Payments 1984-85

Number of Providers by County[1]

County	Physicians[2] Services	Dentists Services	Optometrists Services	Prescription[3] Drugs
Annapolis	23	8	2	6
Antigonish	40	7	-	4
Cape Breton	152	39	11	36
Colchester	55	16	3	11
Cumberland	48	10	2	13
Digby	25	5	1	8
Guysborough	16	1	-	5
Halifax	813	167	15	87
Hants	41	8	1	10
Inverness	19	6	1	6
Kings	89	21	4	14
Lunenburg	62	13	5	9
Pictou	69	13	4	17
Queens	12	3	2	3
Richmond	9	2	-	3
Shelburne	19	2	-	5
Victoria	8	1	-	3
Yarmouth	50	6	1	7
NOVA SCOTIA	1,550	328	52	247

1. County refers to the counties in which providers rendering insured services were located as of March 31, 1985.

2. Does not include salaried physicians who performed insured services for which institutions employing them were reimbursed.

3. Includes 221 pharmacies and 26 other providers.

Table 5

MSI Payments for Physicians Services

Services and Amounts Paid

1980-81 to 1984-85

Services

	Services	Services Per Insured Person	Percent Change Per Insured Person
1980-81	5,420,233	6.52	1.2
1981-82	5,565,010	6.67	2.3
1982-83	6,005,572	7.14	7.0
1983-84	5,976,806	7.04	-1.4
1984-85	6,218,853	7.22	2.6

Amount Paid[2]

	Total Paid	Paid Per Insured Person	Percent Change Per Insured Person
1980-81	$ 88,133,112	$106.06	11.7
1981-82	101,879,798	122.16	15.2
1982-83	125,510,329	149.24	22.2
1983-84	135,345,325	159.42	6.8
1984-85	151,425,328	175.87	10.3

1. Services include fee-for-service only.

2. Includes payments to hospitals and institutions with respect to insured services performed by salaried physicians, as well as fee-for-service payments.

Table 6

MSI Payment for Dental Surgical Services

Services and Amounts Paid

1980-81 to 1984-85

	Services	Paid	Paid Per Insured Person	Percent Change Amount Paid Per Insured Person
1980-81	20,979	$1,039,092	$1.25	0.8
1981-82	21,355	1,189,970	1.43	14.4
1982-83	22,569	1,408,524	1.67	16.8
1983-84	26,383	1,725,580	2.03	21.6
1984-85	28,910	1,981,155	2.30	13.3

Table 7

MSI Payments for Children's and Special Dental Plans[1]

	Services	Paid	Paid Per Insured Person	Percent Change Amount Paid Per Insured Person
1980-81	388,148	$6,592,696	$35.97	17.3
1981-82	449,803	8,500,881	43.54	21.0
1982-83	507,725	10,530,607	50.68	16.4
1983-84	528,132	11,060,598	52.72	4.0
1984-85	524,363	11,645,185	55.93	6.1

1. Special dental plans include persons who have a cleft palate, persons who are severely mentally retarded and persons at the School For the Blind who are 16 years of age or older. Amounts paid in 1984-85 were $227,383, $41,361 and $13 respectively.

Table 8

MSI Payments for Optometric Services

1980-81 to 1984-85

	Services	Paid	Paid Per Insured Person	Percent Change Amount Paid Per Insured Person
1980-81	80,174	$1,193,647	$1.44	5.1
1981-82	82,206	1,396,144	1.67	15.6
1982-83	94,750	1,744,594	2.07	24.0
1983-84	94,799	1,933,363	2.28	10.1
1984-85	101,648	2,302,845	2.68	17.5

Table 9

MSI Payments for Prescription Drugs

1980-81 to 1984-85

Prescriptions

	Prescriptions Dispensed	Prescriptions Per Insured Person	% Change Per Insured
1980-81	1,630,138	17.9	1.7
1981-82	1,686,070	17.9	-
1982-83	1,843,015	19.2	7.0
1983-84	1,903,784	19.2	-
1984-85	2,017,462	20.0	4.2

Amount Paid[1]

	Amount Paid	Paid Per Insured Person	% Change Per Insured
1980-81	$17,394,425	$190.94	13.4
1981-82	20,990,958	223.03	16.8
1982-83	26,848,173	279.38	25.4
1983-84	30,925,100	311.75	11.6
1984-85	34,732,801	343.21	10.1

1. Amount paid includes the MSI Pharmacare Plan for persons over 65, the Cystic Fibrosis Plan, and the Diabetes Insipidus Plan. During 1984-85 payments for the Cystic Fibrosis and Diabetes Insipidus Plans were $272,364 and $37,962 respectively. Payments under the Cystic Fibrosis and Diabetes Insipidus Plans are made monthly to one provider and therefore the number of prescriptions shown above does not include prescriptions dispensed under these plans. Amount paid does not include reimbursement to the Cancer Society. Payments to the Cancer Society were $26,381 in 1984-85. Cancer Society payments are included in Tables 1 and 2 for 1984-85.